
CONTEMPLATIONS on the Top of ARTHUR'S SEAT, a high hill in the Neighbourhood of Edinburgh, by a Gentleman far advanced in Life, who has made it a Rule to walk to the Top of it, on the 1st of May annually, at an early hour ; and, considering it as an Altar, under the Canopy of Heaven, there to express his Feelings for the Moment in Poetic Language.

MAY 1. 1816.

*On the approaching Marriage of the
PRINCESS CHARLOTTE.*

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Let Britons be gay,

On the Calends of May,

For to-morrow is fix'd as the Nuptial Day,

Of a Princess, who Britain's vast Empire may sway ;



Then long may she reign,
 In the Heart of her Swain,
 And after enriching the Hill, and the Plain,
 In the midst of her Race, may she die without pain.

MAY 1. 1817.

*On the Recovery of the QUEEN from a dangerous
 Illness.*

Since last I here pour'd forth my artless lays,
 Another year is added to my days.
 Three score and ten, is mark'd the age of man,
 But three to that, are added to my span.
 Let me then humbly, bend my knee to Heaven,
 And thank my God, for all his mercies given ;
 For health restor'd to Her, whose tender care,
 Her faithful subjects, with her children share,
 To her, our QUEEN, whose elevated mind,
 In one wide wish, embraces all mankind,

In whom Britannia, to the world displays,
The matchless miracle, of modern days,—
A Sov'reign, in whose character is seen,
The loving Mother, and the Patriot QUEEN,—
A QUEEN, who in her subjects' bosoms reigns,
And in True-Britons hearts a Parent's place maintains.

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